

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A flared end structure formed by processing an end part of a metal tube which is pressed against a seat formed in a member by tightening a coupling nut to the member. The flared end structure has a joining end part to be pressed against the seat of the member, and a curved part continuous with the joining end part. The curved part has an outer surface having a curved area, and a concave inner surface having a bottom edge. The curved area of the outer surface has a radius $[[R]]$ of curvature smaller than the wall thickness $[[t]]$ of the metal tube.